WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT



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The 23rd Annual Division of Fish and Wildlife Pheasant "Special Hunts" were held in the fall of 2008. Huntable land included leased acreage (Project # 300FW1A22D42000 – Activity # A22D527) and DNR owned Gamebird Habitat Areas (Project # 300FW1A22D42000 – Activity # A22D501). Properties are located primarily in Benton County, along with limited areas in Newton and White Counties. Hunts were conducted on ten dates scattered throughout the pheasant season. For the 15th year, a one-day hunt, November 28th, was reserved for youth hunters under the age of eighteen. New in 2009, three hunts on opening day were offered for purchase at Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever Chapter fundraising banquets to help generate alternative funding dollars for this project. One half of the purchase price of the hunt came back to the Division and participating chapters had to conduct a youth hunt on a DNR property.

Applicants could apply on line or by mailing in an application available in the 2008-2009 Hunting and Trapping Guide or downloaded from the DNR web page. Each potential hunter was allowed to submit only one application. A total of 5,113 applications were in the draw vying for the 228 spots available. The lottery type drawing was held on October 6th, and successful applicants were randomly assigned hunt area(s), and mailed appropriate information including: regulations, questionnaire cards and maps. Successful applicants were allowed to bring up to two additional hunting companions. Unsuccessful applicants were mailed a postcard stating their misfortune. In 2009 results of the draw were also posted on the DNR web page.

Of the 231 hunts available, there were 21 "no-shows" and 18 questionnaire cards not returned representing an 83% show-up rate. Successful applicants were asked to rate their experience from 1 to 10 (1 poor/10-great). Overall the ranking was 7.3

COMPARISON OF PREVIOUS YEARS

<u>Year</u>	Total # Applications Received	Disqualified	Total Applications In Drawing
1986	863	65	798
1987	1061	123	938
1988	1469	69	1400
1989	1196	102	1094
1990	2010	149	1861
1991	2458	258	2200
1992	2778	236	2542
1993	2870	273	2597
1994	2816	264	2552
1995	2920	248	2672
1996	2948	277	2671
1997	4671	596	4075
1998	4357	503	3854
1999	4450	560	3890
2000	4521	561	3960
2001	5277	752	4525
2002	5512	789	4723
2003	5223	745	4478
2004	5016	714	4302
2005	4735	639	4096
2006			4888
2007	5396	188	5208
2008	5261	148	5113

2008 PHEASANT HUNT RESULTS

Number of Reports	213
Number of Parties	192
Number of Hunters	
Hunters/Party	2.81
Pheasants Harvested	380
Pheasants Harvested/Hunter	.71
Other Game Harvested	8 Quail
	10 Rabbits
	12 Woodcocks
	2 Wood Ducks

1986-2008

<u>Year</u>	No. Of Hunters	No. Of <u>Hunt Dates</u>	Total	No. Of <u>Areas</u>	Birds Harvested
1986	105	4	<u>Acres</u> 472	11	82
1987	192	7	616	14	214
1988	375	11	790	17	248
1989	392	10	1008	21	398
1990	477	10	1317	25	471
1991	540	11	1503	28	594
1992	574	11	1606	29	406
1993	601	10	2411	36	605
1994	614	10	2411	36	685
1995	646	10	2850	41	827
1996	672	10	2850	41	721
1997	606	10	2976	44	677
1998	737	10	2996	45	755
1999	706	10	3149	50	681
2000	725	10	3247	50	828
2001	723	10	3395	50	580
2002	687	10	3310	48	727
2003	737	10	3144	47	684
2004	715	10	3171	47	670
2005	694	10	3198	48	575
2006	674	10	3174	48	594
2007	627	10	3119	46	515
2008	539	10	2815	36	380

Total Number of Hunters 1	13,358
Total Number of Birds Harvested 1	12,917
Pheasants Harvested by Hunter	.97

NR - No Questionnaire Card Returned (18)

NH - Area Not Hunted (21)

* 3 "Purchased Hunts"

2008 SPECIAL HUNTS PHEASANT HUNT HARVEST RESULTS

	FRI NOV 7	SAT NOV 8	WED NOV 12	SAT NOV 15	WED NOV 19	SUN NOV 23	FRI 28- Nov	SAT DEC 6	SAT DEC 13	SAT DEC 20	TOTALS
# OF HUNTS AVAILABLE	32/29*	30	26	22	22	21	21	17	18	22	231/228*
# OF APPLICATIONS	1101	902	627	406	351	370	217	426	368	345	5113
% CHANCE	3%	3%	4%	5%	6%	6%	10%	4%	5%	6%	4%
DENO	4	4	1	0	6	0	1				
NICKEL PLATE	3	2	NH	NR	2	3	NH	0	NR	6	
DONOHUE	0	4	4	0	0	2	4	2	0	NR	
PINE CREEK #1	0	1	1								
PINE CREEK #2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	NR	0	
PINE CREEK #3	1*	0	1	2	2	2	0	1	0	NR	
PINE CREEK #4	2	0	2	0	NR	NR	1				
PINE CREEK #5	4	0	1	NH	0	1	0	0	2	1	
HAWKINS	4	6	2								
McGINNIS LEASE	0	2		0	1	3	2	0		NR	
WHITE CO. ONE	5*	3	4	0	0	2	0	5	4	2	
WATLAND	3	NR	1	6	0	6	3	1	0	NH	
KIRSCH	2	6	5	3	1	1	NH	3	3	4	
WOODLOCK	2	1	NR	1	0		2	0		0	
JEFVERT	0										
RAUB	NH	3	NR	NH		3	2		1	NH	
SORENSON	0	2	3								
FALWELL	1	NR		NH	4	3		4		6	
WALLPE	2	5	1								
KNOBVIEW	6	4		NR		NH	5		NH	4	
BROUILLETTE	3	0	2		6						
GESWEIN	2	2	1	0	0	5	0	3	5	0	
CARTMELL	0	2	1		0	0	0		0	NR	
MCGINNIS/LAUERMAN	2										
STEINER	NH	3	1	2	1		1		1	6	
METRO SIXTY]										
GREENWOOD DITCH	1	2	3		4	3		1	2	NR	
ADE MUCK	0	NR	NH								
PRUDENTIAL]										
CARLSON	NH	2	2	1	0		2		2	6	
C. TRIPLETT	6*	6	2	0	6	NH	NH	NH	1	6	
FLORA]										
VINYARD	1	3		0	2	0		NH		NH	

VINEGAR HILL	NH	2	4	1		0	1	2	2	NH	
FUNCHEON											
GLOTZBACH	4	NR	NR	0	5	2	0	3	3	4	
TOTALS	58	65	44	16	40	36	24	26	26	45	380